



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 2435
Examiner: Mr. John B. King

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant(s) : Kurate MAENO)
Serial No. : 10/553,737)
Filed : October 20, 2005)
International Filing Date: March 12, 2004) **AMENDMENT**
International Serial No. : PCT/JP04/003357) **AFTER**
For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR) **FINAL REJECTION**
EMBEDDING WATERMARK INFORMATION,)
APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR)
DETECTING WATERMARK INFORMATION,)
AND DOCUMENT CONTAINING WATERMARK)
Attorney Ref. : SAT 223NP)
November 18, 2009

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action of August 19, 2009, the period for reply to which has been set to expire on November 19, 2009. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently to relieve the above identified application of its finally-rejected status.

A fee of \$ 810 is being submitted concurrently. Should this remittance be accidentally missing, however, or should any additional fees be needed (including extension of time fees, since Applicant hereby provisionally petitions for any extensions that may be deemed necessary to avoid abandonment), the Director may charge such fees to our Deposit Account number 18-0002.

Please amend the above-identified application as specified on the following pages, and then reconsider the application in view of the Remarks that are presented thereafter.